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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GOC/ROMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ON 17 MARCH SCICOUNS TALKED TO LABERGE OF EXTAF
ABOUT STATUS OF CANADIAN/ROMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS FOR
CANDU REACTOR LICENSING, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENTS. ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH RUSSELL OF
AECL ON 20 MARCH.

2. THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOC AND GOR
HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TWO YEARS, WITH TEAMS
FROM AECL AND GOR VISITING BACK AND FORTH. THE 12TH
OR 13TH ROUND WAS HELD IN OTTAWA FOR TEN DAYS, WITH
THE ROMANIAN TEAM LEAVING ON 15 MARCH. THE NEXT
ROUND WILL BE A VISIT OF AN AECL TEAM TO BUCHAREST
NEAR THE END OF APRIL.

3. THE PRINCIPAL HANG-UP IN NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUES
TO BE THE TERMS OF THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT.
WITH THE GOR BEING LIMITED BY A SCARCITY OF FOREIGN
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EXCHANGE RESERVES AND NECESSITY FOR CENTRAL PLANNING,
AND THE GOC ATTEMPTING TO COVER ALL CONTINGENCIES TO
AVOID ANOTHER FINANCIAL LOSS SITUATION, THE NEGOTIATIONS
ARE DIFFICULT. TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ENGINEERING
RATES AND WARRANTIES HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME.

4. THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY THE ROMANIAN

AMBASSADOR TO CANADA AND BY SECRETARY OF STATE JAMIESON ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, IS "COMPATIBLE WITH" THE RECENT GOC SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN, SWEDEN, AND FINLAND, ACCORDING TO LABERGE. THIS AGREEMENT ALSO COMPLETELY EXCLUDES HEAVY WATER MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY.

5. HAD THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE LICENSING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS BEEN COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE ROMANIANS, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WOULD HAVE COME TO CANADA FOR THE SIGNING AND THEN GONE ON TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SINCE THE NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR, HIS TRIP TO CANADA IS OFF.
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